

Minutes of Special and Regular City Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER:

- A. Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Two cases: Vinarskiy v. City of Belmont, San Mateo County Superior Court No. CIV 527021, and Baka v. City of Belmont, San Mateo Superior Court No. CIV 523248.

Council present: Wright, Braunstein, Reed, Lieberman; Council absent: Stone

RECESS at this time, being 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Wright, Reed, Braunstein, Lieberman

Council Absent: Stone

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Karl Mittelstadt.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rennie noted that the Closed Session will reconvene after the regular meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of K-9 Ballistic Vest by Police and Working K-9 Foundation

Police Chief DeSmidt presented the K-9 ballistic vest that was acquired for Belmont's K-9 unit through partnerships with Louise Kelly of the Police and Working K9 Foundation, and Ashley Pazzaro of Pet Food Express.

Proclamation Honoring Mike Gaffney

Mayor/Belmont Fire Protection Board President Lieberman presented Mike Gaffney with a proclamation honoring Mr. Gaffney's 30 years of service. Mike Gaffney stated that it has been a privilege to serve the community where he grew up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Fregosi, Evolve, stated that his organization is seeking support for resolution to close loophole in Proposition 13 relative to commercial properties. He cited other cities and school districts that have supported the legislation.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, spoke about the survey that the City performed regarding infrastructure. He noted that he has requested a copy of the survey, which was declined. He has filed an appeal to receive the survey.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lieberman announced that the Elections office continues to seek poll workers. He outlined proclamations that were recently issued.

COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, does not support the additional allocation of funds. He noted that the trail around the lake needs additional work.

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais noted that the improved economy is being reflected in higher bids. He pointed out that staff worked hard to bring down costs, and negotiated with the low bidder to reduce overall costs. He clarified that the bridge solves a major issue at the lake. He pointed out that many volunteer hours have been spent on trail work.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2014 and Regular Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting of August 26, 2014

Resolution 2014-125 of the City Council accepting donation of a K-9 ballistic vest from the Police and Working K-9 Foundation valued at \$1,300.00

Resolution 2014-126 of the City Council Authorizing an Additional \$5,000 for the Construction of the Trail Bridge at Waterdog Lake

Resolution 2014-127 of the City Council Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order with Dell Inc., for the procurement of Desktop and Laptop Computers for the Amount not to Exceed \$33,689

Resolution 2014-128 of the City Council Authorizing Rates for Service Agreements with the Metropolitan Planning Group for Planning Services Related to Development Projects

Resolutions 2014-129 of the City Council Approving: 1) Final Subdivision Map and Maintenance Agreement for Condominiums at 2177 for Carlmont Drive, and Resolution 2014-130 Summary Vacation of a Public Utility Easement

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Braunstein, seconded by Councilmember Reed, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved (4-0, Stone absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

Barrett Community Center Ad Hoc Committee's Report to City Council

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais described the Barrett Community Center committee's mission, which was directed by the city council. He clarified that public outreach would be the next step in the process. He described the committee's activities in preparation for the report. He provided history of the site as well as current uses. He pointed out the challenges due to the current condition of the facility. He described some of the improvements that have been made in recent years. He

provided cost details for deferred maintenance. He pointed out that there is an opportunity to create something different.

Craig Michaels, Parks and Recreation Commissioner/Ad Hoc Committee member, outlined the need for space for recreation. He pointed out the need to look at this facility in conjunction with other city facilities. He described the evaluation process used by the committee and the needs analysis and assessment performed.

Thea Runyon, Parks and Recreation Commissioner/Ad Hoc Committee member, outlined themes for potential uses at Barrett.

Parks and Recreation Director Gervais outlined the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission, including the suggestion to create a steering committee to continue the master planning process.

In response to Councilmember Reed, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais stated that he worked with the building official to assess condition, and the building has been deemed safe.

Discussion ensued regarding quality of field versus quantity of athletic field space available.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, recommended a different methodology for surveying residents. He stated the survey is not a representative sample. He concurred that the fields are not in good condition. He recommended that the City sell the facility to the school district and use the money to purchase land elsewhere.

Councilmember Wright stated that there is a lack of teen programs. She expressed support for the holistic approach to the needs of the community and not just focusing on Barrett. She also supports space for indoor sports. She pointed out the potential revenue source due to the demand for such facilities. She suggested contacting NDNU (Notre Dame de Namur University) as a potential partner. She recommended including someone from Carlmont High School and the business community for future committee membership.

Councilmember Braunstein noted that the process will take time. He stated that there will be competing interests for facility use. He expressed concerns regarding the condition of the current facility.

Councilmember Reed expressed support for demolishing the existing facility and creating a revenue-generating facility.

Mayor Lieberman noted that the City has talked about the need to do something at Barrett for many years. He pointed out that the report is an important first step in the process. He noted that this space presents an opportunity for socialization and gathering places, and he suggested including this as a primary objective. He also suggested bringing food trucks to Barrett.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Wright, the report was unanimously accepted (4-0, Stone absent).

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Mayor Lieberman attended a Belmont Creek Watershed Study meeting addressing flooding issues as well as a regional Health and Wellness meeting.

Verbal Report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles spoke regarding the Grand Boulevard Initiative assignment, the Belmont-Redwood Shores master planning process, the coastal cleanup day scheduled for September 20, the recent blood drive, the fire department's Fill the Boot drive, and the pending new phone installation for City Hall and facilities.

RECESS 8:45 P.M. to Continued Closed Session

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REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:08 P.M.

**Terri Cook
City Clerk**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped (except Closed Session)